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Head Referee

Agenda

- Attendance
- Game Sheets
 - Collect, must be already entered online.
There seems to be a consistent problem with game sheets – they are incomplete – in most cases by the coaches. We have missing players, missing team names, missing dates/divisions/fields. missing game numbers. The referee has to ability to complete this information or get it completed at the field. Please don't leave the field until that sheet is completely filled in by you and the coaches. We are also noticing that the online report is not matching teams to game numbers, game numbers to dates, etc. It is very difficult to find these games without the correct info – the Match Secretary has informed me that delinquent games will now include entries with the WRONG date.
- Fitness Test
This will be Tuesday June 26th at 6pm on CC1. I will also run one on Thursday at 6pm on CC1.
- Pictures
Its been 3 years since the last time, but we will be doing Referee group pictures on Sunday July 8th during the Tournament. Referees in full uniform can participate. I would like the class 3s to show up in their alternate colour shirt if they have one.
- Player, Coach and Spectator behaviour.
 - Player behaviour is the responsibility of the coach and parents away from the field. On the field, player behaviour is the responsibility of the Referee. We must enforce the laws to ensure their behaviour.
 - Coach behaviour is the responsibility of the Club away from the field. The referee must ensure appropriate Coach behaviour on the field. Coaches whose behaviour is deemed inappropriate against the referee, assistants, players or other coach is to be EJECTED from the game – there is no warning, no cards – JUST TOSS THEM!!!! In order for that ejection to be effective, I need to know within 48 hours that it happened and I need the Special Incident report ASAP!!!
 - Spectator behaviour is the responsibility of the Coach at the field and by the club off the field. The referee need not worry about parents and spectators, ignore them! If they come onto the field of play – stop the game (outside interference) and ask the coach to deal with it.
- Discussion Points
 - Restarts – what and where?
I am very impressed with the ability of our referee squad to call games according to the laws. Where we fall apart is our ability to know what the restarts are and where it should be taken. The moment you call a foul, you MUST know what the restart is, where the ball is placed, how far the opponents stand away, and what is required for the ball to be considered in play. You also need to know what is considered a violation of the restart procedure and how to restart from that.
 - Assistant Referee positioning
Remember my email on running the line. First of all, if you physically can't line a certain division – tell me. Beyond that your position is the most important thing to maintain. While maintaining your position, your next job is to watch the touch line for throw-ins. Once you have



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- those two facets nailed, your next job is to assist the referee in making calls – if necessary. The most important facet of lining is maintaining your position – don't be caught watching the game – that is the referees job. Focus on position, touch line and assisting – that's it.
- Law 4 – Goalie jersey – alternates?
Goalies must wear their team jersey with a pinnie. Failing that, it must be a shirt that is different from their own team, the other team, the linespersons and the referee – and that shirt must be tucked or tuckable into the shorts and it must have sleeves.
 - Substitution – when?
Read the LSSC Addendum to the Laws of the Game. Substitutions are allowed on OWN Throw-ins (with allowance for piggy back by the other team). They are also allowed to sub on ANY goal kick and ANY goal.
 - Law 5 and 6 – Powers vs. Duties, Command vs. Obey – no goofing around!!
The referee has powers and duties. Powers are the facets of your job where discretion applies. Duties are the facets of your job that you MUST do. Assistants/linespersons have Duties ONLY – their job is to obey the referee and perform their duties – they have NO discretion on the field. Ignoring or disobeying the referee is grounds for dismissal of the assistant or linesperson.
 - Control vs. Dictate
Referees must learn to control a game with the first 10 minutes – set the tone – YOUR tone and stick to it. The players will succumb to your level of control and the game will proceed cleanly. NEVER dictate the game – you don't want to be dictating the flow – making calls that kill the flow or progress the game at your pace.
 - Law 12 – Red Cards
There is no problem here – I just need the reports ASAP. The report should be completed at the field after the game – don't wait for 2 days later. Also, Assistant referees MUST provide their input on red card reports – I want to see three people writing their version of events on dismissal reports.
 - Mini field direct kicks – is there such a thing?
I know this is a new law – but it's supposed to make things easy! All foul restarts are indirect kicks on the mini field – period (except direct kick fouls committed by the defence inside their own penalty are – this is still a penalty kick).
 - What's the Call?
 - Can a player hold the ball between their knees and waddle down the field in hopes of scoring? Short answer is yes. But if someone tries to kick the ball away, it becomes dangerous play against the person holding the ball.
 - Are under 8 girls allowed to slide tackle?
Sure why not? But, why bother? It is one of the most dangerous tackles that are still allowed and FIFA has clamped down so much on its use that I doubt it will remain legal for long. As a certified coach, I will NOT teach my players to slide tackle, nor do I condone it. Slide tackling is already banned in school soccer. For now, if the tackle is performed properly (hit the ball first) and it is not a blindsided tackle (Opponent sees you coming) – then it's legal. Anything else is a foul or red card.
 - Important Dates
 - Tuesday June 26th and Thursday June 28th – Fitness Test @ 6pm on CC1
 - Refresher Friday July 6th – 7pm on CC1



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- Referee Pictures, Sunday July 8th – During the Tournament
- Saturday August 18th - Referee Pool Party @4:45pm at the Leisure pool